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SENATE BILL

No. 1777

Introduced by Senator Ducheny

February 20, 2004

An act to amend Sections 50451, 50452, and 50453 of, and to repeal Section 50524 of, the Health and Safety Code, relating to the statewide housing plan.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1777, as amended, Ducheny. California Statewide Housing Plan.

(1) Existing law requires the California Statewide Housing Plan to include housing development goals for the fiscal year the plan is revised and projected 4 additional fiscal years ahead, as well as goals for the provision of housing assistance for the fiscal year the plan is revised and projected 4 additional fiscal years ahead.

This bill would, instead, require the plan to include a description of the statewide need for housing development for the year the plan is revised and projected 4 additional years ahead and would revise the housing assistance goals requirement, as specified.

(2) Existing law requires the Department of Housing and Community Development to biennially update and provide a revision of the plan to the Legislature.

This bill would, instead, require the Department of Housing and Community Development to update and provide a revision to the Legislature by January 1, ~~2005~~, 2006, by January 1, 2009, and every 4 years thereafter.

(3) Existing law requires the plan to provide a database for local housing market studies and serve as a guide for local housing elements.

This bill would require the plan to provide a reference guide for local market studies and for local housing elements.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 50451 of the Health and Safety Code is
2 amended to read:

3 50451. The California Statewide Housing Plan shall
4 incorporate a statement of housing goals, policies, and objectives,
5 as well as all of the following segments:

6 (a) An evaluation and summary of housing conditions
7 throughout the state, with particular emphasis upon the
8 availability of housing for all economic segments of the state. The
9 evaluation shall include summary statistics for all counties, all
10 multicounty metropolitan areas, and rural areas, as defined and
11 designated by the Bureau of the Census of the United States
12 Department of Commerce, rather than as defined in Section
13 50101. The evaluation shall include the existing distribution of
14 housing by type, size, gross rent, value, and, to the extent data is
15 available, condition, and the existing distribution of households by
16 gross income, size, and ethnic character for each of those areas.

17 (b) A determination of the statewide need for housing
18 development for the year the plan is revised and projected four
19 additional years ahead. The determination of statewide need shall
20 be established as the minimum number of units necessary to be
21 built or rehabilitated in order to provide sufficient housing to house
22 all residents of the state in standard, uncrowded units in suitable
23 locations.

24 (c) Goals for the provision of housing assistance for the year the
25 plan is revised and projected four additional years ahead. The goals
26 shall be established as the minimum number of households to be
27 assisted that will result in achieving, by the fourth subsequent year,
28 a substantial reduction in the number of very low income
29 households and other persons and families of low or moderate
30 income constrained to pay more than 30 percent of their gross
31 income for housing. Income groups to be considered in
32 establishing the goals shall be designated by the department and
33 shall include households a significant number of which are



1 required to pay more than 30 percent of their gross income for
2 housing in the fiscal year the plan is revised, as determined by the
3 department.

4 (d) An identification of governmental and nongovernmental
5 constraints and obstacles and specific recommendations for their
6 removal.

7 (e) An analysis of state and local housing and building codes
8 and their enforcement. The analysis shall include consideration of
9 whether those codes contain sufficient flexibility to respond to
10 new methods of construction and new materials.

11 (f) Recommendations for actions by federal, state, and local
12 governments and the private sector that will contribute to the
13 attainment of the housing goals established for California.

14 (g) A housing strategy that coordinates the housing assistance
15 and activities of state and local agencies, including the provision
16 of housing assistance for various population groups including, but
17 not limited to, elderly persons, persons with disabilities, large
18 families, families where a female is the head of the household,
19 farmworker households, and other specific population groups as
20 deemed appropriate by the department. To inform the strategy, the
21 department shall, to the extent possible, do the following:

22 (1) Consider information compiled by the University of
23 California pursuant to Section 9101.5 of the Welfare and
24 Institutions Code, and from provider and consumer organizations
25 as available.

26 (2) Consult with various state departments, including the
27 California Department of Aging, the State Department of Social
28 Services, the State Department of Health Services, the State
29 Department of Mental Health, the Employment Development
30 Department, the State Department of Developmental Services,
31 and other state departments or agencies to obtain information
32 deemed relevant to the housing needs of populations addressed in
33 the housing strategy. This paragraph shall not be construed to
34 require activity beyond the customary scope of the department's
35 planning process.

36 (h) A review of housing assistance policies, goals, and
37 objectives affecting the homeless.

38 SEC. 2. Section 50452 of the Health and Safety Code is
39 amended to read:

1 50452. The department shall update and provide a revision of
2 the California Statewide Housing Plan to the Legislature by
3 January 1, ~~2005, 2006, by January 1, 2009~~, and every four years
4 thereafter. The revisions shall contain all of the following
5 segments:

6 (a) A comparison of the housing need for the preceding four
7 years with the amount of building permits issued and mobilehome
8 units sold in those fiscal years.

9 (b) A revision of the determination of the statewide need for
10 housing development specified in subdivision (b) of Section
11 50451 for the current year and projected four additional years
12 ahead.

13 (c) A revision of the housing assistance goals specified in
14 subdivision (c) of Section 50451 for the current year and projected
15 four additional years ahead.

16 (d) A revision of the evaluation required by subdivision (a) of
17 Section 50451 as new census or other survey data become
18 available. The revision shall contain an evaluation and summary
19 of housing conditions throughout the state and may highlight data
20 for multicounty or regional areas, as determined by the
21 department. The revision shall include a discussion of the housing
22 needs of various population groups, including, but not limited to,
23 the elderly persons, disabled persons, large families, families
24 where a female is the head of the household, and farmworker
25 households.

26 (e) An updating of recommendations for actions by federal,
27 state, and local governments and the private sector which will
28 facilitate the attainment of housing goals established for
29 California.

30 The Legislature may review the plan and the updates of the plan
31 and transmit its comments on the plan or updates of the plan to the
32 Governor, the Secretary of the Business, Transportation, and
33 Housing Agency, and the Director of Housing and Community
34 Development.

35 SEC. 3. Section 50453 of the Health and Safety Code is
36 amended to read:

37 50453. The California Statewide Housing Plan developed
38 pursuant to Section 50450 shall provide a reference guide for local
39 housing market studies and for local housing elements required by

- 1 Section 65302 of the Government Code. It is also intended to
- 2 provide a framework for local housing plans.
- 3 SEC. 4. Section 50524 of the Health and Safety Code is
- 4 repealed.

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